THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) UNDP gives technical assistance to Government of India on project|programme basis in various sectors such as leather, jute, agriculture, handicrafts, spices etc.

(b) Assistance from UNDP is mainly channelised through Central Ministries to premier institutions for providing catalytic support, if necessary to entrepreneurs. There is no maximum/minimum ceiling for UNDP assistance for various projects/ products.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Disputes of Shareholders

4368. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: (a) whether Government are developing a new policy to deal with management and share-holder disputes where financial institutions have a stake;

(b) whether any outside team has been appointed to study such requirements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Consumers not getting Excise Duty and other Tax Concession

4369. SHRI VIREDNRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that manufacturers are not passing on to the consumers the excise duty and other tax concessions given by Government;

(b) what action Government are taking against such manufacturers; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to monitor and check the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) It is reported that in several cases the manufacturers have announced reduction in prices after reduction of excise duties on their products.

(b) and (c) The price of commodities is determined by market forces and depends on multiplicity of factors including cost of production, demand and supply position and level of taxation Excise duty is levied at production point and there is a long chain of intermediaries between production point and the consumer who add their cost and profits to the ex-factory price.

इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक की शाखायें

4370. **श्री एस.एस. सुरजेवाला:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 मार्च, 1994 तक की स्थिति के अनुसार इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक की शाखाओं की क्षेत्रवार संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) प्रत्येक क्षेत्र की कितनी शाखाओं में शाखा-प्रबंधक अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति से संबंधित व्यक्ति हैं ; और

(ग) इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक में शाखा प्रबंधकों के पद पर नियुक्ति में अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों का पर्याप्त प्रतिनिधित्व सुनिश्चित करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी. चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) दिसम्बर 1994 के अंत तक की स्थिति के अनुसार (अद्यतन उपलब्ध) प्रत्येक राज्य में इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक की शाखाओं की संख्या विवरण–I में दी गई है । (नीचे देखिए)

(ख) बैंक की उन शाखाओं की क्षेत्रवार संख्या विवरण–II में दी गई है जिनके शाखा प्रबंधक अनुसूचित जातियों के हैं । (नीचे देखिए)

(ग) इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि प्रबंधकों के रूप में अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के सदस्य को उचित प्रतिनिधित्व दिया जाता है ।